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#### REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action identified above, and is further responsive in any manner indicated below.

#### PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 17-46 were pending for examination and consideration in the noted application. Unrelated to any prior art, scope adjustment or rejection, appropriate claims have been amended in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's invention. That is, all such changes are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 17-46 remain pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

#### ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 17-30 have been allowed in the application, as indicated on page 4 of the Office Action. Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of allowable subject matter.

#### REWRITTEN ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 41 and 42 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten as indicated in the section "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 4 of the final Office Action, and Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such indication of potentially allowable subject matter. Since Claim 41 has been rewritten herein to overcome the objections to the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 41

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and 42 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and express written allowance of claims 41-42 are respectfully requested.

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 31-40 and 43-46 have been amended herein to further clarify the claims. For example, the electronic money which is the operation target of the present invention according to claims 31-40, 43-46 is in itself valuable, namely, it has value as money. Based on the features of the present invention which are different from Nagata, the claims have been clarified to distinguish the present invention from Nagata, whose operating target is information pertaining to money. By clearly reciting this difference, the Examiner will know that Nagata does not disclose the feature according to the clarified Claims 31-40 and 43-46 of the present invention, namely a configuration wherein a predetermined amount is subtracted from an IC card or added to an IC card at a timing when a lump sum transmission instruction button is pressed.

Accordingly, Claims 31-40 and 43-46 distinguish over the art of record, and are in condition for allowance.

### RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed

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limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

#### EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

#### CONCLUSION

A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this §114 Amendment. To whatever other extent is actually necessary and appropriate, Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Also filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of all fees required for entry of this paper. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 566.35562CX3).

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